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Washington DC 20420

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Re: FOIA #19-04795-F

Dear Mr. Craven:

This is in response to your February 27, 2019, FOIA request to the Department of Veterans Affairs requesting "All e-mails between Dr. Michael Fallon (Michael.falon@va.gov), Gabrielle Saunders (Gabrielle.saunders@va.gov), Stephanie McGovern (Stephanie.mcgovern@va.gov), Jake Leinenkugel and all officials in VA leadership (<https://www.va.gov/opa/bios/>) concerning service dogs for PTSD between Jan. 1, 2017 and present day. Keywords include: "ptsd" "dog" "canine" "study" "results" "evidence" and "price."

This request was assigned to the Office of Operations, Security, and Preparedness on March 15, 2019. As described in a March 26, 2019, update letter from this office, a search was conducted in coordination with the Office of Information and Technology. The records search has now been completed; however, no records were found that match those of your request.

In the event you would wish to appeal this determination, please send the appeal to the Office of General Counsel within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of this letter to:

Office of General Counsel (OGC/024)
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC, 20420
Email to ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov.
Fax: (202-273-6388)

As an alternative to an appeal, you may contact VA FOIA Public Liaison, which was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and VA. Using this method does not affect your right to appeal. You may contact:

VA FOIA Public Liaison
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20420.
Email: vafoiaservice@va.gov,
Phone: (877) 750-3642
Fax: (202) 632-7581

Also, the office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers mediation services to resolve disputes between persons making requests and administrative agencies as a nonexclusive alternative to litigation and, at the discretion of the OGIS, may issue advisory options if mediation has not resolved the dispute. The OGIS is at:

National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Phone: (877) 684-6448
Fax: (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely



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